



Press Release

Hon'ble Union Cabinet Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways & AYUSH reviews projects of Cochin Port Trust under Gati Shakti National Master Plan

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shri Sarbananda Sonowal today (09.02.2022) took a comprehensive review of initiatives taken by the various ports for facilitating Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) and Operational Efficiency Through Technology (OETT) to boost growth under PM Gati Shakti National Plan in presence of Union Minister of State Shri Shantanu Thakur, Secretary (Ports Shipping and Waterways) Dr Sanjeev Ranjan and Chairmen of All Major Ports, Inland Waterways Authority of India representatives and senior officials. The meeting was attended by Dr. M. Beena IAS, Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust.

During the meeting, the future roadmap of Major Ports to achieve world-class infrastructure and to lead the growth journey of India on the pillars of the ambitious PM Gati Shakti National Plan was discussed. PM Gati Shakti is driven by seven engines of growth - roads, railways, airports, ports, mass transport, waterways and logistics, with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways set to play a major role in the realisation of the National Master Plan, a multi-modal connectivity masterplan launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to ensure seamless connectivity, economic growth and delivery of good governance to the citizens.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said, "Integrated efforts which are being taken by ports and others will add speed to development works around the country. PM Gati Shakti will help the people, farmers, fishing community and strengthen India's economy. Shri Sonowal further urged the officials to put emphasis on promotion of Atma Nirbhar Bharat mission and skill development so that the youth of the country can be benefited.

Union MoS Shri Shantanu Thakur said, "Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is committed towards PM Gati Shakti and today's meeting is a step towards it."

Secretary Dr Sanjeev Ranjan spoke on multi-modal connectivity, highlighting the seven pillars of growth under PM Gati Shakti, Smart, Mega and Green Ports, EoDB and Maritime India Vision (MIV) 2030.

In this day long meeting on PM Gati Shakti initiatives, vehicle scrapping policy, implementation of MIV 2030, on going, completed and futuristic projects by Ports Chairmen were also discussed.

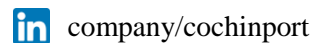
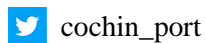
Following two major projects of Cochin Port Trust have been included in the Gati Shakti master plan.

- (i) Development of Multi User Liquid Terminal (MULT) with a capacity to handle 4.10 MMTPA (Million Metric Tonne Per Annum) at a cost of ₹72.68-cr. The project is in the final stage, with the capital dredging work at the berth basin underway.
- (ii) The Re-construction of South Coal Berth (SCB) with a capacity of 1.30 MMTPA, at an estimated cost of ₹19.19-cr. This berth will exclusively handle materials meant for FACT.

Following Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) & Operational Efficiency through Technology (OETT) - initiatives are being carried out by Cochin Port Trust.

- a) Improved vessel scheduling and Simplified Port Clearance - done online through Port Operating System facilitating submission of all documents in electronic mode. Port clearance during the non-office hours is also facilitated.
- b) Installation of RFID/QR code based access control system for improved gate turnaround.
- c) ERP based online gang (crew for onboard and on shore work) and equipment allocation.
- d) Drive through Container Scanner installed by Customs at ICTT in June, 2018. Radiation Portal Monitor installed at the Out Gate of ICTT in July, 2019.
- e) Facilitation of DPE and DPD (Dec.2022 DPE - 99.18% and DPD-27.86%
- f) Principal PGAs viz.FSSAI, Plant Quarantine, Animal Quarantine, Drug Controller, Textile Committee & Wild Life Bureau are operated within the Port premises/ or in the close vicinity of the Port.
- g) Port Operating System integrated with PCS and mobile application
- h) Regular customer outreach programme for dissemination of information to the stake holders on the initiative for Ease of Doing Business.

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